GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SCREENING TEST FOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has come up with any plans about screening of children for admission in residential schools in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made/being made by the Government to protect the children from such screening tests for admission into residential schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): Section 13(1) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, interalia, provides that no school or person shall, while admitting a child, subject the child or his/her parents to any 'screening procedure. Clause (o) of Section 2 of the said Act defines 'screening procedure' to mean a method of selection for admission of a child, in preference over another, other than a random method.